

Treatment Trends

In 2003,* there were nearly 1.7 million admissions to publicly funded substance abuse treatment programs. Most admissions (23.2 percent) were for alcohol treatment. Marijuana accounted for the largest percent-age of illicit drug admissions (15.4 percent), followed by heroin (14.4 percent).

Nearly 62 percent of admissions were White, 23.6 percent were African-American, and 13.3 percent were Hispanic or Latino.

The largest age group entering treatment facilities were 36 to 40 years old (15.6 percent), followed by those 41 to 45 (14.2 percent) and 31 to 35 (13.6 percent).

By Drug—Admissions to Publicly Funded Substance Abuse Treatment Programs, 2003

Percentage of Admissions	Substance or Drug
23.2	alcohol
18.7	alcohol + another drug
15.4	marijuana
14.4	heroin
9.9	smoked cocaine (crack)
7.7	amphetamines
3.5	other-than-smoked cocaine (e.g., cocaine powder)
3.1	unknown substances
2.9	opiates other than heroin
0.4	tranquilizers
0.2	PCP
0.2	sedatives
0.1	hallucinogens
0.1	inhalants

By Race—Admissions to Publicly Funded Substance Abuse Treatment Programs, 2003

Percentage of Admissions	Race/Ethnicity
61.8	White
23.6	African-American
13.3	Hispanic or Latino
10.1	Other
2.3	American Indian or Alaska Native
1.1	Asian American, Native Hawaiian, or Other Pacific Islander
1.1	Unknown race

By Age Group—Admissions to Publicly Funded Substance Abuse Treatment Programs, 2003

Percentage of Admissions	Age Group
15.6	36 – 40
14.2	41 – 45
13.6	31 – 35
13.3	21 – 25
11.3	26 – 30
9.0	46 – 50
8.5	12 – 17
6.5	18 – 20
4.5	51 – 55
1.8	56 – 60
0.7	61 – 65
0.5	66 or older
0.2	11 or younger
0.2	Unknown age

For other information on treatment trends, visit the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Applied Studies Web site at www.oas.samhsa.gov or visit the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information at www.health.org.

For information on treatment research findings, visit the NIDA Web site at **www.nida.nih.gov/DrugPages/Treatment.html**.

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